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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Disinfection—Registration of Persons Engaged in—Permit—Analysis of Disinfectants. (Reg. Comrs., Apr. 2, 1915.)

1. Every person engaged in disinfecting or fumigating for pay premises or parts of premises in the District of Columbia shall register his name and his place of business in a book to be provided for that purpose in the health office of the District of Columbia; shall file with the health officer of said District a written statement, under oath, describing in detail the methods employed by him in the execution of such work; and shall leave with said health officer at the time of registration a sufficient quantity of each and every one of the substances that he intends to use, sufficient for purposes of analysis, and if any substance so to be used be a compound or mixture of two or more ingredients, state the formula thereof.

2. Every person engaged in disinfecting or fumigating for pay premises or parts of premises in the District of Columbia, who desires to adopt any method not recorded by him in the health office of said District or to use any substance in connection with his business a sample of which has not been left by him at said office, as required by section 1 of these regulations, shall file with said office a written statement, under oath, describing in detail the method that he intends to employ thereafter, and shall leave at said office a sample of any new material which he proposes thereafter to employ, sufficient for purposes of analysis, and if any substance so to be used be a compound or mixture of two or more ingredients, state the formula thereof.

3. No person engaged in disinfecting or fumigating for pay premises or parts of premises in the District of Columbia shall use for that purpose any method not recorded by him in the health office of the District of Columbia, or any substance samples of which have not been left by him at said office, as required by sections 1 and 2 of these regulations, and which method or substance, or both, as the case may be, have not been approved for such use, in writing, by the health officer of said District, who is hereby authorized to approve and to disapprove methods and materials submitted to him as required by sections 1 and 2 of these regulations.

4. No person disinfecting or fumigating, whether for pay or otherwise, any premises or parts of premises in the District of Columbia, shall use for that purpose potassium cyanide, hydrocyanic acid, or hydrocyanic acid gas, without a permit in writing from the health officer so to do, such permit to relate merely to such premises as are named in it.

5. Any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be punished, upon conviction thereof, by a fine not exceeding \$50.

6. The word "person" as used in these regulations shall be held to include not only natural persons, but also partnerships, associations, and corporations; and any person, partnership, association, or corporation registered under these regulations may act not only in person or by the individuals making up said partnership, association, or corporation, but also through agents employed for that purpose, which agents need not be personally registered at the health office.

[These regulations become effective on May 5, 1915.]